

1. Failure to explain how the error arose in independent claims 1 and 17, in particular, why the Applicants accepted the narrow language therein when the application was filed; and

2. The circumstances surrounded the errors which resulted in the need for filing new claim 24.

A substitute Reissue Declaration and Power of Attorney is submitted herewith in response to the Office Action. The circumstances surrounding the error in claims 1 and 17 and the reasons for new claim 24 are detailed in section 2 of the Reissue Declaration.

The Examining Attorney has also required a new Assent of Assignee. Applicants submitted an Assent of Assignee on May 7, 1996. A new Assent of Assignee which specifies the reel and frame numbers where the documents evidencing ownership of the patent are recorded is submitted herewith.

In view of the substitute Reissue Declaration and Power of Attorney and the new Assent of Assignee submitted herewith, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of claims 1-24 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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